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Protected Water-supply Scheme

* 99 *Q*.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sanctioned Protected Water-supply Scheme to Ramanathapuram Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (*a*) & (*b*) The proposal to sanction a Water-supply Scheme for Ramanathapuram Municipality and certain wayside villages is under examination of Government.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: May I know, Sir, whether, even if one of the wayside villagers should refuse to participate in the scheme, the scheme would be put through?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: That is what is being examined, Sir.

Protected water-supply tanks

* 100 *Q*.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of protected water-supply tanks constructed in the Mandapam Panchayat Union villages in the East Ramanathapuram district under the National Water-supply and Sanitation (Rural) Scheme; and

(*b*) the arrangements made for their maintenance?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (*a*) Four.

(*b*) The Panchayats, which maintain the tanks, have trained personnel for the operation of the pumpsets, etc., and for their proper upkeep.

M. RAJAH IYER: Sir, has it come to the notice of the Government that the Panchayats have not taken over the maintenance of the overhead tanks. Will the Government expedite the handing over of these to the Panchayats?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Except that overhead tank at Ramanathapuram, the other three have been handed over to the Panchayats?

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether there is any proposal with the Government to give top priority to the villagers who ask for drinking water-supply by giving subsidy or loan to those Panchayats?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Sir, under the National Water-supply and Sanitation (Rural) Schemes, tanks have been constructed at various places.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS ON SUPERANNUATION DURING THE COURSE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Chief Minister to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the hardship caused to teachers due to retirement, within a month of the re-opening of the school, of teachers attaining the age of superannuation in the course of the academic year.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to make the following statement:

In 1956, a request was made that the headmasters and teachers who attained the age of superannuation on or after the 15th August in a school year should be retained in the school till the end of that year so that the school work might not be affected. The Director of Public Instruction then recommended that in the case of headmasters who attained the age of superannuation at *any time* during the course of the year, they might be permitted to continue in service as headmasters on re-employmet terms till the end of the school year. The Government accepted this recommendation and issued orders accordingly.

In 1959 the Government of India in the Ministry of Education suggested that school teachers who reached the age of superannuation during the middle of the school year should be allowed to continue till the date of closure of the school for the summer vacation in order to ensure continuity of staff. The Government accepted that suggestion and issued orders accordingly.

The Director of Secondary Education has issued instructions to the effect that only such of those teachers as attain the age of superannuation at least a month after the re-opening of the school after summer vacation or during the middle or before the end of the school year will be allowed to continue in their respective posts subject to the usual conditions. He has now brought these instructions to the notice of the Government and asked for orders whether the new condition about the concession being admissible only to teachers who attain the age of superannuation at least a month after the re-opening of the school after the summer vacation may be allowed to stand or cancelled. This is under examination of the Government.